Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

5. (New) A method for ameliorating severe diabetic retinopathy in a mammal comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound represented by the following general formula:

wherein X represents a halogen or a hydrogen atom, R¹ and R² concurrently or differently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1 to C6 alkyl group, or R¹ and R², together with a nitrogen atom bound thereto and optionally another nitrogen atom or an oxygen atom, are combined to form a 5- to 6-membered heterocycle.

- 6. (New) The method for ameliorating severe diabetic retinopathy according to claim 5, wherein the compound is (2S,4S)-6-fluoro-2', 5'-dioxospiro[chroman-4, 4'-imidazolidine]-2-carboxamide.
- 7. (New) The method for ameliorating severe diabetic retinopathy according to claim 5, which is used for suppressing development into proliferative diabetic retinopathy.

- 8. (New) The method for ameliorating severe diabetic retinopathy according to claim 5, which is used for suppressing development of preproliferative diabetic retinopathy and/or proliferative diabetic retinopathy.
- 9. (New) The method for ameliorating severe diabetic retinopathy according to claim 6, which is used for suppressing development into proliferative diabetic retinopathy.
- 10. (New) The method for ameliorating severe diabetic retinopathy according to claim 6, which is used for suppressing development of preproliferative diabetic retinopathy and/or proliferative diabetic retinopathy.